Results of Brief Enforcement Hearings – January 25, 2005

Note: Brief Enforcement Hearings are heard by a Single Commissioner, normally the Chair of the Commission. Brief enforcement hearings are held when the facts are undisputed, the violations appear to be relatively minor in nature, and a penalty no greater than \$500 will be assessed for the violations. A respondent may appeal the results of a brief enforcement hearing by asking the full Commission to review the findings of the Single Commissioner.

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1. Committee For a Responsible Majority, Case #05-098

Results: The Respondent violated RCW 42.17.640 by making contributions to legislative candidates prior to qualifying to make the contributions, since they had not received \$10 from 10 registered voters in Washington State in the previous 180 days. **Assessed Penalty:** \$250, of which the entire \$250 is suspended, on the condition of no further violations of RCW 42.17 for two years from the date of the order.

2. **Kathy Lamoreaux**, Battleground School District, Case #05-002

Results: The Presiding Officer accepted a stipulation of Facts and Violations and found that Kathryn Lamoreaux violated RCW 42.17.130 by using public facilities to support a statewide referendum, Referendum 55.

Assessed Penalty: The Presiding Officer assessed a total civil penalty of \$500, with \$450 suspended if there is no future violation of RCW 42.17 for two years from the date of the Order.

3. Amy Fields, Monroe School District Case #04-533

Results: The Presiding Officer accepted a stipulation of Facts and Violations and found that Amy Fields violated RCW 42.17.130 by using public facilities to support a statewide referendum, Referendum 55.

Assessed Penalty: The Presiding Officer assessed a total civil penalty of \$500, with \$450 suspended if there is no future violation of RCW 42.17 for two years from the date of the Order.

- 4. **Paul Benz**, w/Lutheran Public Policy Office Of Washington State, Case #05-127 **Results:** The Respondent violated RCW 42.17.170 by failing to timely file his November of 2004 Monthly Lobbyist Expense Report (PDC Form L-2). **Assessed Penalty:** \$100 in accordance with the L-2 Penalty Schedule.
- 5. Voters Want More Choices PAC, Case #05-066

Results: The Respondent committed a single violation of RCW 42.17.080 and .090 by failing to timely file disclose a \$1,500 in-kind contribution from Tim and Karen Eyman for a survey conducted in October of 2003.

Assessed Penalty: \$150.

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6. Help Us Help Taxpayers PAC, Case #05-066

Results: The Respondent committed a single violation of RCW 42.17.080 and .090 by failing to timely disclose a \$2,109 in-kind contribution when Voters Want More Choices PAC paid for a mailing that benefited Help Us Help Taxpayers PAC. **Assessed Penalty:** \$150.

7. **Just Treat Us the Same PAC**, Case #05-068

Results: This complaint against Just Treat Us the Same PAC was filed as part of the complaints filed against Voters Want More Choices PAC and Help Us Help Taxpayers PAC. The allegation was addressed at the brief hearing, and was dismissed by the Chair.